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### The Weekly Focus

#### **Legal Pact Ensures 2020 Election Will Decide Fate Of EPA Air Toxics Rules**

EPA and environmentalists have agreed to a draft legal settlement imposing deadlines in 2021 and later to review agency air toxics rules, ensuring the 2020 presidential election will decide whether a re-elected Trump

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administration will continue leaving such rules unchanged or a potential Democratic administration might tighten them.

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## Latest News

### **EPA Reviewing PV29 Studies' CBI Status After 'Mistake,' Dunn Says**

EPA staff are reviewing the confidential business information (CBI) claims around a set of studies on the first draft risk evaluation the agency has released under the reformed Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), after a “mistake” was made that may have limited access to too much data, a top official says, an effort that could address critics' concerns that the agency granted too much deference to industry.

### **Wheeler Prioritizes EPA Research On PFAS Impacts On Agriculture**

EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler is tasking the agency's Office of Research & Development (ORD) to lead efforts with other offices to steer existing funds toward projects that will aid in managing the impact of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) on agriculture and rural economies, filling a gap in the agency's recent action plan.

### **Final EPA Rule Easing Air Monitoring Mandates Rejects Critics' Concerns**

EPA has finalized a rule easing emissions monitoring mandates for industrial sources of pollution to eliminate what it says are obsolete requirements, a move that is a win for several states and industry groups that sought the revision and that rejects concerns from environmentalists who claim the regulatory change will boost pollution.

### **Industry Fears 'Patchwork Quilt' For EPA Pharmaceutical Rule Implementation**

Some states will opt to retain their existing requirements for waste pharmaceuticals that are broader or more stringent than the approach EPA took in its recently finalized rule it finalized late last year, an industry attorney says, making it more challenging for large health sector companies that do business in multiple states.

### **D.C. Circuit Poised To Hear Rival Refrigerant Makers' Fight Over HFC Rule**

A federal appeals court is poised to hear oral argument March 8 in a lawsuit where rival manufacturers of climate-warming hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) refrigerants are battling over the merits of EPA's policy on replacing the substances, with some companies seeking to partially vacate the Obama-era rule while others are defending it.

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## Daily Feed

### **House Democrats demand EPA, SAB answers on Harvey air monitoring**

House Democrats are demanding documents from EPA, Texas and NASA over the apparent cancellation of a NASA air pollution monitoring mission over hurricane-struck Houston in 2017.

### **California's Schwarzenegger, de Leon launch plan to cut vehicle GHGs**

The former politicians are joining with academics to develop policies to prod state and local governments to change how they plan and build transportation infrastructure.

### **Ewire: White House pressures US automakers to back GHG rule freeze**

In today's Ewire: Trump administration officials met earlier this month with the “Big 3” domestic automakers, urging them to back its proposed freeze on fuel economy and greenhouse gas rules.

### **EPA Region 9 appears to drop objections to Arizona mine**

The region's decision to drop long-running objections to a planned copper mine allows the Army Corps of Engineers to issue a Clean Water Act dredge-and-fill permit for the project.

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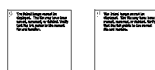
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